

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Others present were Jan Voiles, Tim Shuppert, David Hasecuster and Wilma Jo Kile. Jack Harmon was absent. Also present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Mayor Bob Bridges, Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*, and several representatives from various ball leagues were also on hand.

Minutes: Minutes of March 14, 2006 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve March 14th minutes. Hasecuster seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Unfinished Business:

Review Ball Lease Agreements and Interview League Presidents and Secretaries – Ruby Welter, Vice President for T-Ball informed the board that her Rush County T-Ball organization received grant monies from the Rush County Community Foundation totaling \$4,475.00 for the purchase of new fencing around the diamond. To date they have spent \$1,250 on the fence. Purchased some new equipment and put in open cabinets, got rid of the rusty metal ones and have put in open shelves. They have \$1,250 left to spend.

Welter gave Sharpe a copy of their expenditures in lieu of the \$500 Maintenance Fee and paid their \$1.00 Security Fee.

Rick Whittaker, President of Rush County Youth Football League was present and signed his Lease Agreement.

Cheryl Riggs, President of the Rush County Girl's Softball League was present and questioned the board as to the Liability Insurance. She stated, per the lease agreement, her board could not afford a Five Million Dollar policy. She stated that no insurance company offers insurance that high to leagues. She stated that Five Million in coverage would run her group \$3,000 and they just cannot afford that.

Newhouse asked if all leagues could go together and get one umbrella policy.

Newhouse then explained that clause was put in the lease agreement per the liability insurance rep's request.

Gary Hoeing stated that his insurance company only offers One Million in coverage and they are a big organization.

Fred Stevens stated he would not sign the lease until the insurance issue was resolved. Stevens then stated that if they have to pay that much then all the leagues would have to stop playing ball as no group will be able to afford that.

Newhouse stated she will check with the insurance carrier tomorrow on this. If the insurance rep states that it has to be, a Special Meeting will be held Monday, April 17th at 6:30 P.M. to discuss what the leagues will do.

If the insurance carrier will accept the insurance coverage the groups have been paying for in the past then there will not be a special meeting. Sharpe will change the Lease Agreement back to what it stated originally at One Million Dollars liability coverage and then the League Presidents and their Secretaries are to just stop by City Hall and sign the lease, pay the \$1.00 Security Deposit and, by May 1st, pay the Maintenance Fee of \$500 or show \$500 in receipts in lieu of cash for work that has been done by the league.

Revisit Salaries – Mathews stated he would like to increase Anita Carfield and Jean Kopf's salary to \$10.00 which would give them both a 25 cent increase. He stated they are very deserving.

Newhouse stated Mathews will have to recommend this to the Council for their approval. Kile moved to request to the City Council that Carfield's and Kopf's salary be increased twenty five cents to \$10.00 an hour. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

The mowing season is starting and Mathews asked permission to hire the following people:

Courtney Cameron – Return - \$9.00 – Start date May 8th

Kathy Brown – Return – 25 cent increase

Justin LaFary – New Hire - \$6.00 – Hire on a thirty day trial to start immediately

Darrin Kessler – Return – Darrin is an excellent worker and will be returning for the 3rd year. He would like to move him to the Leader position and increase his pay to \$6.50 an hour.

Newhouse stated the salary ordinance would have to be amended on him too.

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Kile moved to hire Danny’s recommendations of Courtney Cameron, Darrin Kessler, Kathy Brown and Justin LaFary and to go to City Council to amend the salary ordinance for Kessler. Shuppert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Hasecuster and Voiles. Hasecuster moved to approve the claims for the month. Voiles seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

New Business:

Reports: Mathews reported they have been cleaning the pool. They are ready after cleaning to fill the pool. The pool is looking great.

The basketball goal at the Laughlin Park, in the West End, is pretty ratty. One goal missing and the other is in bad shape.
The board gave Mathews the go ahead to get pricing on four new basketball goals for Laughlin Park.

Mathews reported that he would like to stay on top of resealing the fitness trail in South Veterans Memorial Park and reseal the basketball court.
He would like to do this every three years.
Gene Stanley submitted a bid for \$1,925 to reseal and repair the fitness trail and the basketball court. Mathews stated he will take this out of the Non-Reverting Park Equipment Fund.
Kile moved to approve the resealing and repair of the fitness trail and the basketball court. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Stated there was some shingles missing at the Booker T. Washington Community Center and that a spot is inside where the wallpaper has pulled down and needs a good coat of paint.
Corn said he would take care of it.

The City Auction will be Wednesday, May 17th and that he had a lot of misc. items to get rid of.

The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and that he has prizes to hand out from the Parks and Recreation Department and asked all those present to help in doing so. This year he is handing out floppy hats and smiley face sippy cups.

The kids are using the Skateboard Park.

There was a Park Patrol meeting last night and it went well. Good turnout. Had two speakers which gave good advice.
Paul Barada Jr. informed the group to be a witness, don’t get involved. “Be the Eyes, Be a Witness”
Tim Williams answered questions on underage smoking and again suggested if someone witnesses something wrong to go to the side, keep an eye on that person and call the police department and identify them.

The shelter house at 9th and Jackson Street had a fire in the overhang which ignited the sofit and burned part of the roof. This was turned into the police and he feels this was intentionally set.

Restrooms in all parks were opened a week ago.

Items Not Known In Advance:

Sharpe explained to the board that the 5 Year Master Plan was to be submitted by April 15th and that it was complete and mailed to the DNR on December 10th of last year. She has been waiting on a reply from them and had just heard from them this week. There were 8 items that had to be added to the Master Plan and she has completed those items and is again ready to submit to the DNR for approval.
Sharpe shared with the board the added items.
Sharpe presented Resolution #2006-8 which is a Resolution approving the 5 Year Master Plan.
Shuppert made a motion to approve Resolution #2006-8 approving the 5 Year Master Plan. Hasecuster seconded. Motion carried.
Voiles commended Sharpe for all her extra efforts.

Kile thanked the board for the stone given to her from the board for her brother’s death.

The board asked Sharpe to send a “Get Well” card off to Pool Manager Carfield as she broke her ankle.

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Sharpe shared with the board that she is in the process of soliciting sponsorship for the Concert Series at the new Amphitheater and stressed that if anyone wanted to be a sponsor to contact her at the Mayor’s Office.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

JAN VOILES, MEMBER

DAVID HASECUSTER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY